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One of the most popular tourist stops in Pocahontas County is the National Radio Astronomy Observatory at Green Bank, where they have those giant dishes pointed at the sky. Whenever I drive past I wonder if they are hearing anything or communicating with anybody.

Cal Price, the late and legendary editor of the Pocahontas Times, would have loved the observatory. He believed there were mountain lions still roaming the backwoods of Pocahontas County, and he would have believed there are beings out there somewhere waiting for messages from Green Bank. And he might be right on both counts.

**DRIVING OVER** Kennison Mountain on W.Va. 39 — one of the most scenic drives in the state — we saw people along the road picking up litter. We were told this is a twice-yearly effort of the Cherry River chapter of the Izaak Walton League, in cooperation with the Department of Highways, the Richwood High School Ecology Club and other volunteer help.

They clean the 25-mile stretch between Richwood and the Cranberry Mountain Visitors Center prior to the spring and fall nature tours sponsored by the Richwood Chamber of Commerce. This year is their 10th year of cleanup.

Perhaps other organizations around the state will want to adopt a stretch of highway to keep clean.

The Richwood people are looking forward to the day the first arrest is made under the new littering law, and the culprit is sentenced to helping them pick up beer and soft drink cans.



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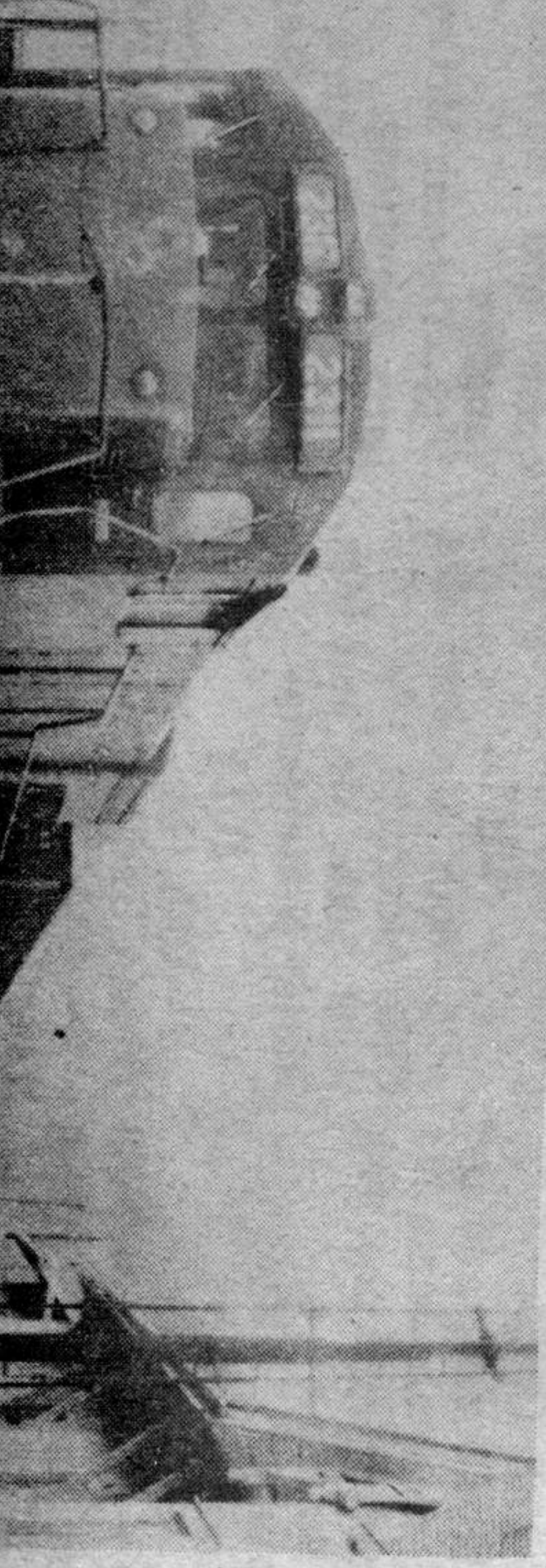
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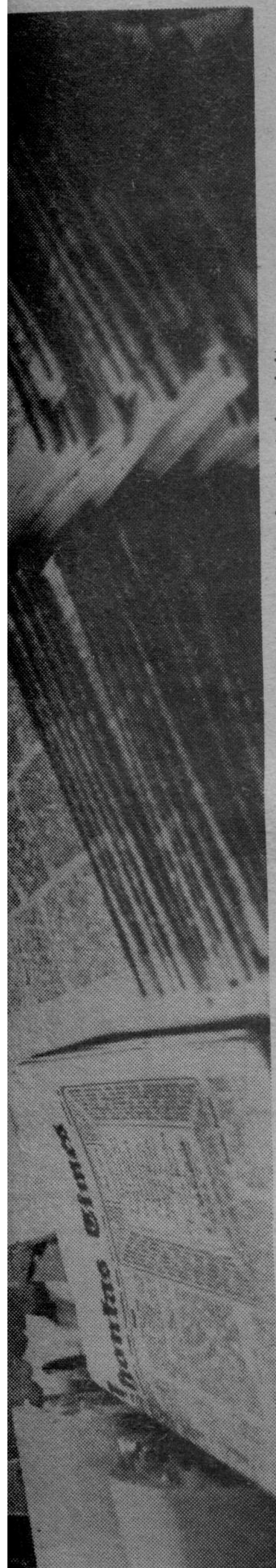
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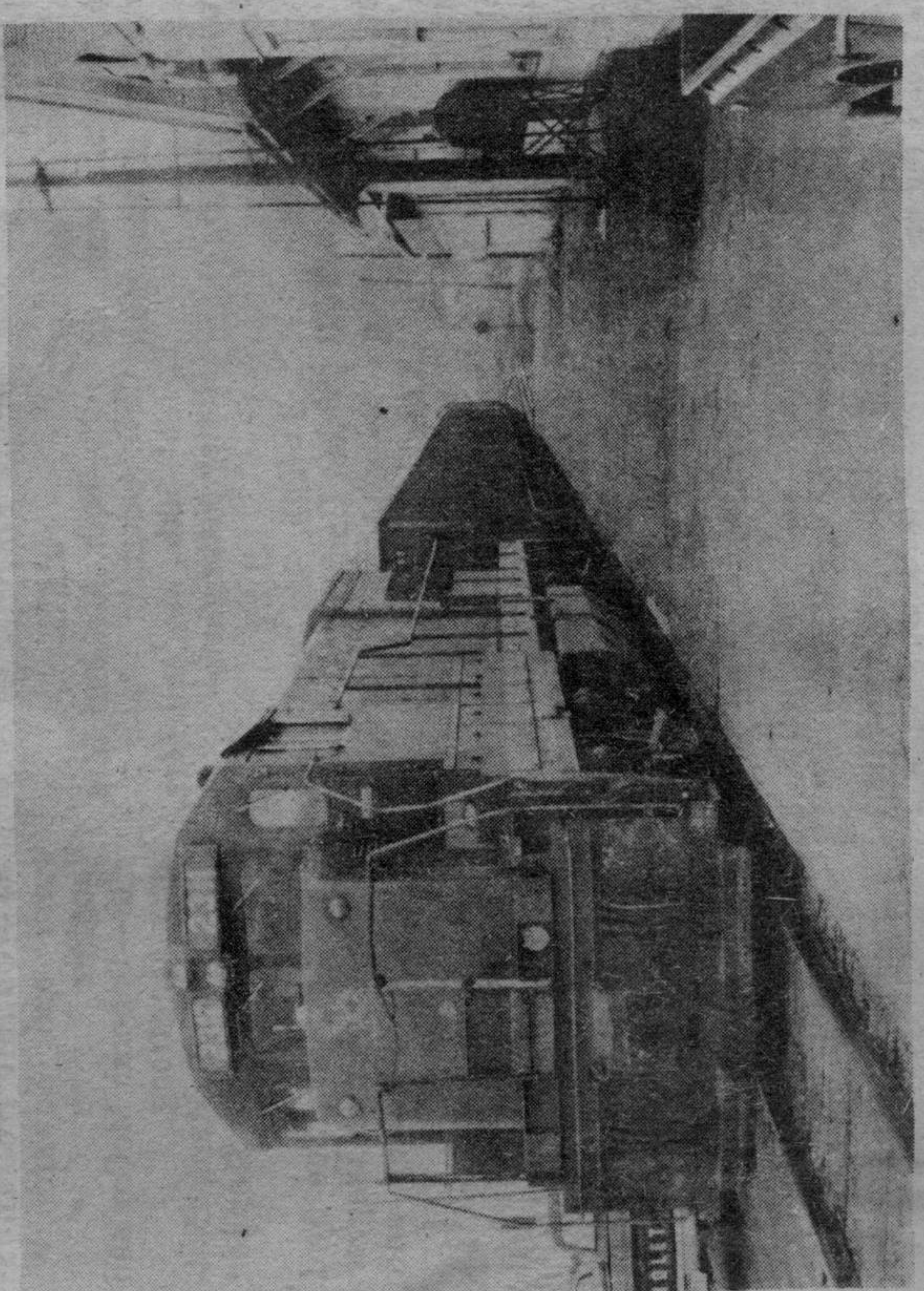




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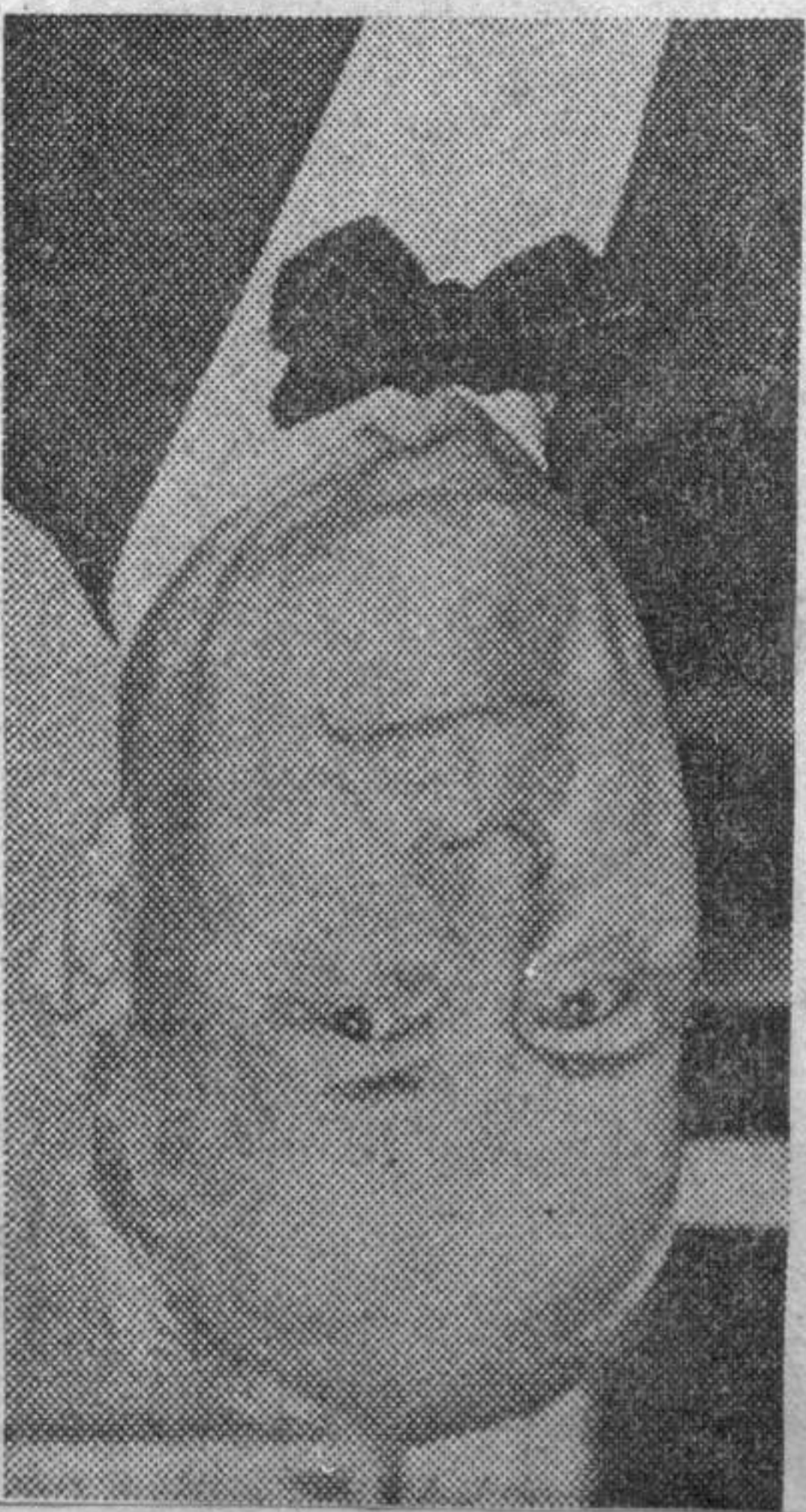
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The crew on this last trip were L. R. Ratliff, Conductor, W. W. Bulmer, Engineer, J. L. Ryan, Brakeman, and W. C. Cole, Brakeman. Also riding the train were E. G. Woodson, Trainmaster, and Paul McLaughlin, Track Supervisor, both from Clifton Forge.

The line was officially abandoned on Friday, December 29, and on that day the last two active stations on the line, Durbin and Marlinton, closed their doors for the last time. The final agents were Ray Looney at Durbin and Paul Bowden at Marlinton.





John Kellison

May 7, 1971

## Ex-Football

## Coach Dead

At Age 84

**HILLSBORO**—A former high school, collegiate and professional football coach, John Snowden Kellison, 84, of Hillsboro, died here Friday in Pochontas Memorial Hospital.

Kellison was a member of the Oak Grove Presbyterian Church and a 1915 graduate of West Virginia Wesleyan College.

He started his long coaching career at Wheeling High School and then moved into the collegiate ranks at West Virginia Wesleyan, Marietta (Ohio) College, Washington & Jefferson University, William & Mary College, Richmond University, Virginia Tech, and Washington & Lee University.

Kellison finished his coaching career with two national Football League teams, the Philadelphia Eagles and the old Chicago Cardinals.

After coaching, Kellison was elder emeritus of the Oak Grove Presbyterian Church, and did some farming in his native Pocahontas County. He was a veteran of World War I and a

Surviving are his widow Clarice Kennison Kellison of Hillsboro and daughter, Mrs. Robert B. White of Honolulu, Hawaii.

Service will be at 3 p.m. Monday at the Oak Grove Presbyterian Church here with the Rev. Cecil Dalton officiating.

Burial will be in Oak Grove Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made to the Oak Grove Presbytery Church Building Fund.

The body is at the Va. Funeral Home at Martinsburg.

### David Crockett Rose

**David Crockett Rose, 94, of Pocahontas County, died Wednesday, March 7, 1979, in Denmar State Hospital, after a long illness.**

Mr. Rose was the son of the late Andy and Sarah Rose. He was a retired farmer and woodsman.

He was survived by eight children: Hubert Rose, Bertha Walton, and Nellie Scott, all of Hillsboro, Gladys Kershner, of Droop, and Vada Adkinson, of Marlinton; and Harold Rose, of Ansted; and Edna Rose, Shawnee, Ohio; Edna Shannon, Columbus, Ohio; 42

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Mr. Shrader was a retired school bus driver and mechanic, a member of the Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church and the Lobelia Odd Fellows.

Survivors include his wife, Nell Barlow Shrader and two sisters, Mrs. Nobel Shrader, of Hemet, California, and Mrs. Pauline Morgan, of St. Albans.

Services were held at 2 p. m. Friday, in the VanReenen Funeral Home in Marlinton with the Rev. Virgil Hornbeck officiating. Burial in Mountain View Cemetery.

### Mrs. Mary Dahmer

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She was a member of Clifton Presbyterian Church.

Surviving: daughter, Miss Ruth Dahmer at home; sons, Sterling at home, Stanley of Roanoke, Va., Eugene of Charleston; sister, Mrs. Margaret Garten of Newport News, Va. Service will be 2 p. m. today in Clifton Presbyterian Church, Maxwelton, with Dr. Thomas Apperson officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery. The family requests donations be made to the Clifton Presbytery-Funeral Home, Lewisburg, is in charge of arrangements.

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He was married on June 16, 1915, to Maude Loudermilk, and to this union were born three daughters, Mrs. Gladys Richards, of Huntington, Mrs. Geraldine McLaughlin, of Marlinton, and Mrs. Ruth Beveridge, of Weston. Preceding him in death were his first wife and eleven half-brothers and sisters and two great-grandchildren.

Surviving him, in addition to his three daughters, are his second wife, Ruby Hill Sheets, to whom he was married November 9, 1969; ten stepchildren, and foster son, Elmer Wymer; eleven grandchildren and eighteen great-grandchildren. Services were held on Wednesday in the Methodist Church at Hillsboro, by Rev. Gail Cutlip. Burial in Oak Grove Cemetery.

# Berlin Cooper

Jacob Berlin Cooper, 76, of Buckhannon, died Sunday, October 7, 1979, at St. Joseph Hospital in Buckhannon. He formerly lived near Mill Point. He was a retired carpenter. Born at Arboreale September 26, 1903, he was the son of Walter W. and Hyses Cooper. Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Georgia Moore Cooper; two sons, James Cooper, Velphia, Indiana, Lewis Cooper, Buckhannon; two daughters, Uva Coffman, Buckhannon, and Myrtle O'Dell, Dunbar; seven grandchildren; and a sister, Ellen Lee Dell Poage, of Frankford.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon in VanReenen Funeral Home by the Rev. John S. Hooper, of Buckhannon, with burial in Oak Grove Cemetery.

# I. B. Bumgardner, Jr.

Ira Bearyl Bumgardner, Jr., 66, of Marlinton, died Saturday, December 8, 1979, in Memorial General Hospital at Elkins after an extended illness with emphysema.

He was a retired postal service worker in the Marlinton post office, a veteran of World War II, a member of the Marlinton United Methodist Church, and a member of the Marlinton Lions Club and Veterans of Foreign Wars. Born at Stony Bottom, December 30, 1912, he was the son of Ira B. and Irvie Moore Bumgardner.

Surviving him are his wife, Mrs. Maud Barnes Bumgardner; a brother, Kenneth R. Bumgardner, Tampa, Florida, and a sister, Mrs. Florence "Billie" Miller, of Charleston. Services were held Tuesday in VanReenen Funeral Home by the Rev. William Trowbridge, with burial in Mountain View Cemetery.

# Milton Vaughan

Milton Vaughan, 79, of Hillsboro, died Sunday, December 9, 1979, at home after a long illness.

A retired farmer, he was a member of Wesley Methodist Church and of the Lobelia Odd Fellows Lodge.

He was born on Bruffey's Creek August 23, 1900, the son of Henry Mason and Nancy Miriam Walton Vaughan.

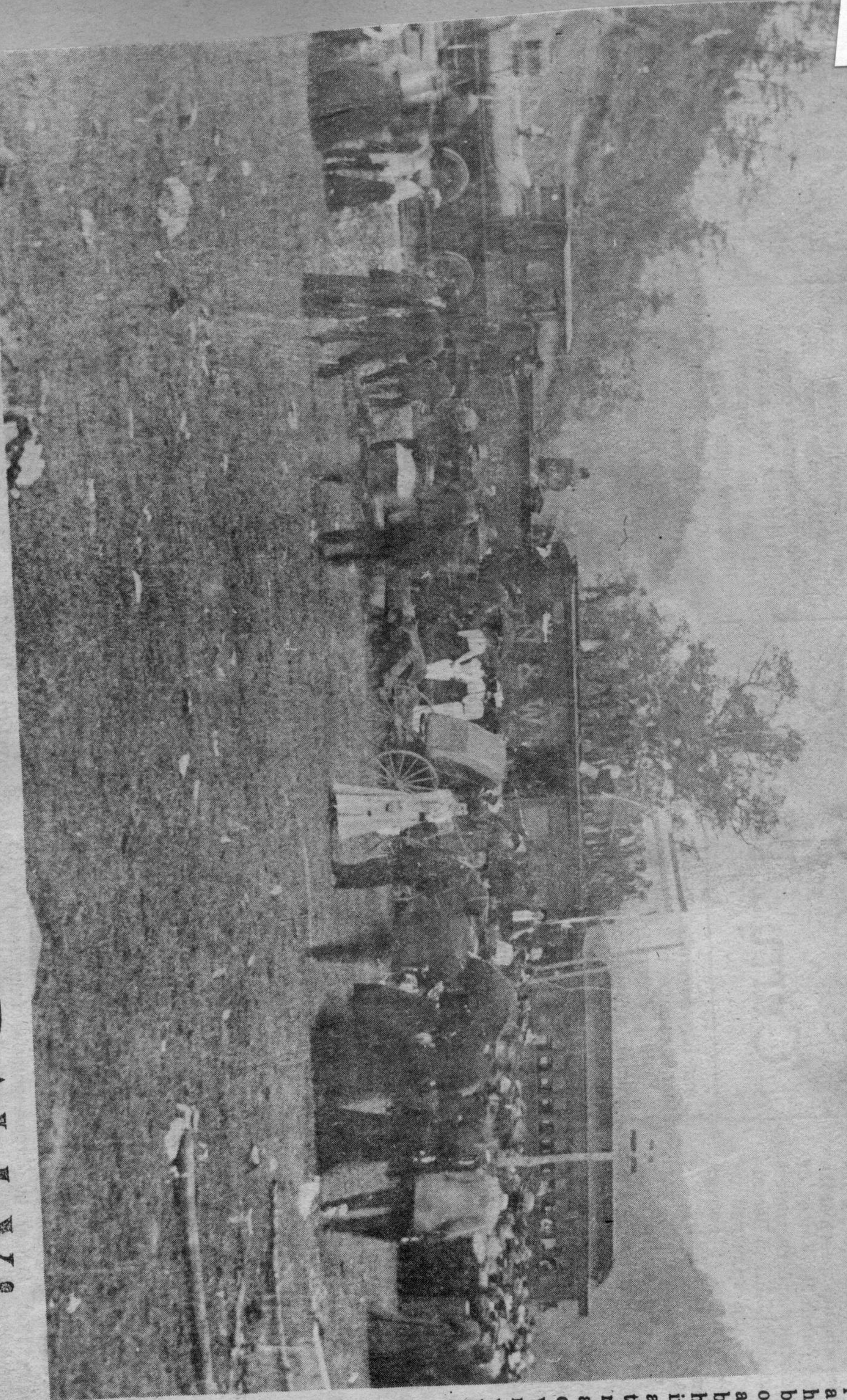
Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Josephine McNulty Vaughan; one son, James Edward Vaughan, of Jarrettsville, Maryland; four daughters, Louise Kinnison, Hillsboro, Penn., Pearl Brock, Hanover, Pa., Sylvia, Vera Sue Smith, Elkton, Maryland, Mary Nicholson, Columbus, Ohio; 11 grandsons, 10 granddaughters, one step granddaughter, 5 great-grandsons, 9 great-granddaughters; a brother, Leonard Vaughan, of Roanoke, Virginia, and Mrs. Orlena Clevenger, Cleveland, Ohio. He was preceded in death by brothers, Robert Vaughan, M. D., Doc Vaughan, Forest and Joseph Lake Vaughan; two sons, Henry Milton and Joe Forest.

Services were held Wednesday at Emmanuel Church by Revs. Owen Lee, Charles Long, and Leonard Arnold. Grave-side services were held by Odd Fellows. Burial was in Bruffey's Creek Cemetery.



**Fete Day in Marlinton**  
(October 26, 1900)

While no special committee had been appointed to consult with the weather prophets in the selection of a day for the rally no more happy selection could have been made. Conveyances of all kinds commenced to arrive at an early hour and by noon an immense crowd had assembled, horses filling all the livery stables, alleys and side streets of the town. The ox had been roasting from an early hour and when the Injin ate the wood chuck there were many mouths ready to devour him. The special train bringing the band from Rocky Point arrived about one o'clock, this attracted many people to the railroad and some of the small youngsters had their first ride. A parade was formed and the speaker of the day, Sen. N. C. McNeil, was escorted to the speakers stand from which appropriate address of welcome, happy descriptions of the past and prophecies for the future were made by the jovial Senator. At the close of the speech Ye Knights of the Tournament formed in gallant array marched to the course. The competitors for the saddle and honor of crowning a Queen of Love and Beauty were Messrs. Clark, McLaughlin, Dr. Marshall, Galford, King, and Smith. W. D. Clark won the first prize. Will Clark, owing to an infringement of the rules in carrying his lance, was given second prize. The football game was won by Marlinton by a



# GRAND RALLY!

October 26th. 1000.

## FIRST TRAIN IN MARLINTON!

BARBECUE, POLO, TOURNAMENT, FOOT-BALL, CORONATION, AND

October 26, 1900, the day of the big celebration in Marlinton over the completion of the C.&O. Railroad to this point. Regular passenger service to Marlinton began on December 17, 1900 [and ended on January 8, 1958].  
Another date in the history of the Greenbrier Branch and not one for celebration will be the 29th of this month when the line is abandoned. We have checked with the C&O at Hinton and as far as they know now there will be a train operated that last week — up on